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Dear Library,

Do you listen to audiobooks? I listened to them more frequently when my son was young and we were traveling. It was a fun family activity - listening to a book together and talking about it while on the road. Plus it offered my son, who was a reluctant reader at one point, a different window into the world of books.

One of the things I love about audiobooks is the depth and richness they add to my reading experience. Among other things, I envision characters and settings differently when I'm listening to a book. I can re-listen to passages that consist of beautiful language or detailed descriptions.

If you're an audiobibliophile, who are your favorite narrators? What genres do you prefer to listen to rather than read? Do you prefer long or short books, series or singles?

Libraries offer us so much that enriches our lives. Our library as a place may look different right now, but our continued access to much of what libraries offer is a reminder of the value our communities, our state, our nation place on this institution.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy October!

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BLD is Growing

The Bureau is pleased to welcome a new staff member to our team! Ms. Brittany Wright is our new Community Engagement Consultant. Among other responsibilities, Brittany will facilitate partnerships between the Division and libraries and Federal, state and local agencies. She will also assist libraries with identifying and building best practices in emergency preparedness, displaced citizens, e-government and human and social services.



Please join me in welcoming Brittany to the Florida libraries family!

DLIS Discussions

The Division continues to host monthly, online, open discussions for library staff from all types of libraries throughout Florida. At our last session, we discussed marketing library services. Thank you to Sonya Chapa and Kresta King of Okeechobee County Public Library and Bob Harrison and Jordan Miltner of the Pasco County Library System for sharing their stellar tips on marketing with us!

In October, we'll be talking about **FLIN SHAREit**. Find out how Florida libraries are using this free, collaborative resource for copy cataloging, submitting ILL requests and finding materials in other Florida libraries.

- **October 19, 2020 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern**

No registration necessary. [Join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone](#). These discussions are for YOU!

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Continuing Education / Community Engagement

[One Step at a Time: How Libraries Can Promote Healthy, Thriving and Livable Communities](#)



This webinar will highlight the multiple benefits of walking and walkable communities, and provide the information and inspiration you need to join the hundreds of public libraries around the country that are contributing to the development of healthy and resilient communities. Learn how to advocate for safe walking routes to your libraries, how to partner with parks and recreation, local transportation departments, and others committed to building safe, accessible, equitable places to walk and move.

October 22, 2020
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern
[Register Now](#)



Florida Electronic Library
Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

Introduction to U.S. History: The Civil War Resource

Discover the newly-enhanced *Gale Primary Sources: Archives Unbound* interface for **Introduction to U.S. History: The Civil War**, from the Florida Electronic Library.

This resource consists of nearly 500 titles totaling 90,000 pages of text documenting the war that transformed America and ended slavery.

In this session, we will explore the primary source collection, best practices for research, as well as tips and tricks for sharing information with students and researchers.

Presented by Tammi VanBuren, Training Consultant, Gale.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020
1:00 to 1:30 p.m Eastern
[Register now](#)

For more information about the Florida Electronic Library or to request materials, contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP)

We are moving into the Summer Reading materials ordering season! Last year was a learning experience for all of us as we navigated a new ordering system.

We held the *FLYP: Navigating the Summer Reading Ordering Process* webinar last month. If you're new to ordering this year, or just need a refresher on the process, the [recorded webinar](#) is available.



All orders using your allotment voucher **must be submitted by December 31, 2020.**

For more information about the Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP), contact Kaycee Shiley at 850.245.6625 or kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com.

Library Leadership

The Division of Library and Information Services, in partnership with the Northeast Florida Library Information Network, is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for graduates of Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute (SLLI) Years 1 - 13 .

The Next Level Library Leadership Institute (NLLLI), to be held January through September 2021, is designed to build on the foundation of SLLI by targeting specific areas of additional professional growth identified by NLLLI participants.

[Learn more](#) about this unique program.

Contact Claudia Holland at 850.245.6622 or claudia.holland@dos.myflorida.com with your questions.

Library Data and Statistics

The **2019-2020 Florida Public Library Survey is now open** for you to complete for your library or library system. It will remain open until December 1, 2020.

If your library receives State Aid, please remember that you are required to submit a completed survey. Because the Division receives federal funding in support of Florida libraries, we are required to submit this data annually to the Institute of Library and Information Services. This data is critical to providing as accurate a picture as possible of public libraries in the State of Florida.

Please contact Dorothy Frank with questions or comments at 850.245.6631 or dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com.

New Director Connections



Join [United for Libraries](#) in celebrating the 15th annual National Friends of Libraries Week, **October 18-24!** Use this opportunity to promote your Friends group, thank them for their work and raise awareness about them in your community. You may even pick up some new members along the way! United for Libraries has compiled a [PR package](#) for libraries that includes social media graphics, sample press releases and more.

Please contact Emily Hart with questions or comments at 850.245.6633 or emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com.

E-Rate

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order, [DA-20-1021](#) (PDF), that extends the deadline waiving the ordinary gift rules of the E-Rate program from September 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. During this time, school or library E-Rate participants are allowed to accept or solicit gifts from internet service providers that will increase the ability of institutions to offer high-speed broadband access to their communities.

While gifts of this nature are normally prohibited under program rules, the FCC recognizes the role of schools and libraries in remote learning and community connection.



If you have further questions, see our [E-Rate webpage](#) or contact Emily Hart at emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6633.

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We can't wait to share what we're doing here at the Bureau. We are especially excited about sharing what YOU are doing!



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